

## SUMMARY

HA-1308

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Norrisville Road  
Madonna, Maryland 21084

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Madonna General Store

AND/OR COMMON

Bus's Store

**2 LOCATION**

(Northeast corner of intersection of old Md. Rte. 23 & Md. Rte 146, Madonna.)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Madonna

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

\_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Goldie Gross; F. Upton Almony

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3911 Madonna Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Jarrettsville, MD

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD

21084

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story, el-shaped house with a gable roof is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Norrisville Road (Old Md. Rte. 23) and Fallston Rd. (Md. Rte. 146).

The structure faces south: the west section (the store) is two bays wide and two bays deep with a gable front roof; and the east section with a gable flank roof is set back so the north facades of the two sections are flush. On the north side, and filling in the ell, are one-story shed-roofed additions. Windows generally have 1/1 sash and plain wide trim with molded entablatures.

Spanned by an aluminum awning, the first story of the south side contains plate glass display windows and a central entrance.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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The land, part of "Briarly's Dividend," had belonged to Jarrett Nelson from 1818 until 1850, when it was purchased by Lewis King.<sup>2</sup> Prior to that, Robert Nelson, and then his son James Nelson, had owned 160 acres of "Briarly's Dividend" (patented to Thomas Briarly in 1800)<sup>3</sup> as well as another 600 acres of other tracts.

1. Liber ALJ 54, Folio 274
2. Liber HDG 37, Folio 488
3. Liber JLG P, Folio 195

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will, & equity records of Harford County

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

10/79

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

# MADONNA GENERAL STORE

## Title Search

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1. 1095/604 June 12, 1979 Grantor: Goldie A. Gross & Upton F. Almony,  
Rep. of Estate of Bertha A. Crowl, Dec.  
Grantee: Goldie A. Gross & Upton F. Almony,  
Heirs of Bertha Crowl  
Acreage: 3.83 Acres
2. DGW 195/209 Nov. 5, 1925 Grantor: D. Ford & Martha E. Cathcart  
Grantee: Upton & Bertha M. Almony  
Acreage: Store Property & 8 1/2 Acres
3. Will Records 1911 Devisor: B. Franklin Cathcart  
HTB 14/324
4. ALJ 54/274 July 10, 1885 Grantor: Lewis King  
Grantee: Benjamin F. Cathcart of Baltimore Co.  
Sum: \$400  
Acreage: part of "Briarly's Delight" = 141 1/4 Acres
5. HDG 37/488 Jan. 31, 1850 Grantor: James Nelson, Trustee  
(Sale of property of Jarrett Nelson, dec.)  
Grantee: Lewis King, Sr.  
Sum: \$1057  
Acreage: "Briarly's Dividend" = 137 1/2 Acres
6. HD 1/317 April 9, 1818 Grantor: James Nelson  
Grantee: Jarrett Nelson  
Sum: \$1500  
Acreage: "the residue of Briarly's Dividend  
devised to James by father, Robert  
Nelson" = 141 1/2 Acres
7. Will Records May 15, 1816 Will of Robert Nelson - "To son, James - residue  
SR 1/141 of Briarly's Dividend known by the name of the  
Black House place"
8. JLG P/195 July 17, 1800 Grantor: Thomas Briarly  
Grantee: Robert Nelson  
Sum: \$600 pounds  
Acreage: "Briarly's Dividend" = 160 Acres

ALMONY GENERAL STORE

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A. Crowl, dec.  
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5752 III NW  
(FAWN GROVE)

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 PARKTON 15' QUADRANGLE

32'30"

368

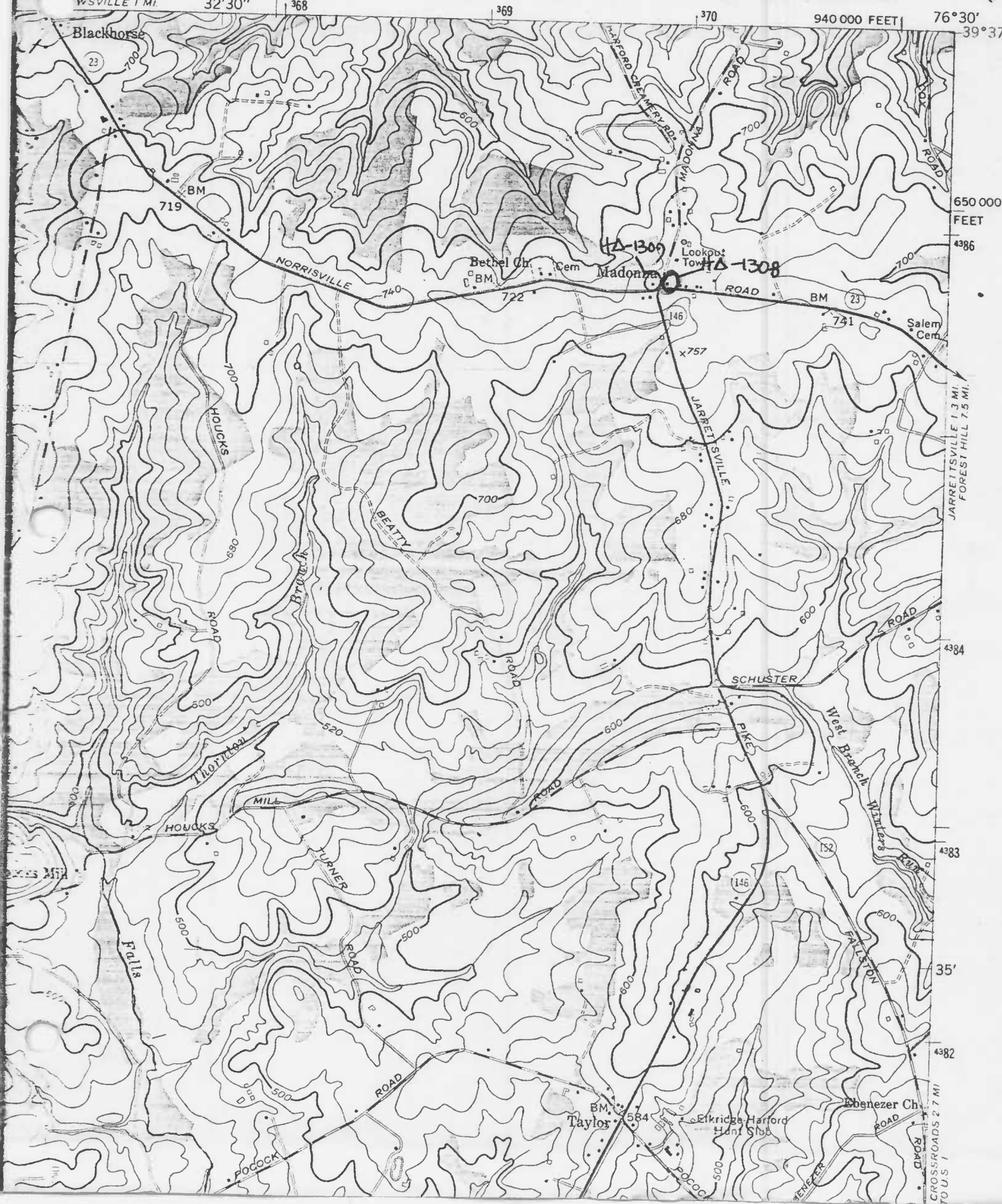
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940 000 FEET

76°30'

-39°37'30"







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Southwest